Statement-II

Procurement of Wheat (RMS 2004-05)

(Quantity in lakh tonnes)

State	Procurement of Wheat
Bihar	0.15
Delhi	0.02
Haryana	51.15
Madhya Pradesh	3.49
Punjab	92.40
Rajasthan	2.79
Uttar Pradesh	17.41
Uttaranchal	0.54
Others	0.01
TOTAL:	167.96

Transit loss in Railways

1631. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether major transit losses of foodgrains are caused on account of lack of proper foodgrain booking arrangement in Railways;

(b) whether it is a fact that generally Railways do not issue any receipt of their own and thus foodgrains are transported at the risk of the Ministry;

(c) if so, whether the Ministry propose to install their own weighing bridges at the stations at their own cost;

(d) if so, the details in this regard; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Railways issue "said to contain" Railway Receipts.

(c) to (e) There is no such proposal. However, the Ministry has entrusted the RITES with a study on "transit loss of foodgrains" and to make specific suggestions for reduction in transit loss, including the installation of weighbridges.

Setting up of Agribusiness Revitalisation and Restructuring Tribunal

1632. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether food industry has demanded setting up of an Agribusiness Revitalisation and Restructuring Tribunal for disposing of or restructuring assets of sick units which are heavily burdened with debit;

(b) if so, whether they have also proposed tribunal to help in speedy recovery of non-performing assets and use of equipments and infrastructure for productive purpose by interested parties;

(c) if so, to what extent Government have considered their demands; and

(d) by what time a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Involving PRIs in the functioning of TPDS in Orissa

1633. DR. RADHAKANT NAYAK: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Orissa Government has implemented the guidelines issued